

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 183294 TOSEC 080107  
ORIGIN AF-10

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 PM-05 ISO-00 AID-05 SS-15 SSO-00  
CCO-00 H-01 SP-02 TRSE-00 OMB-01 /050 R

DRAFTED BY AF/W:TWMSMITH:NEA/ARP:JWTWINAM/MPH  
APPROVED BY AF:RMMOOSE  
NEA:SSOBER  
PM:RERICSON  
P:GMOOSE  
H:BATWOOD  
S/S-O:JTHYDEN  
S/P:HWARD

-----097643 050049Z /13

O 050008Z AUG 77 ZFF4  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 183294 TOSEC 080107

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS

SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD; CHADIAN REQUEST TO  
SAUDI ARABIA

REF: STATE 180597, TOSEC 80036 (NOTAL)

1. CHAD'S FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE LEFT NDJAMENA FOR  
JIDDA TO FOLLOW UP A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE SAUDI ARABIAN  
GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON AUGUST 1. WHILE WE DO NOT  
YET KNOW WHAT CHAD HAS REQUESTED FROM THE SAG, IT IS LIKE-  
LY THAT CHAD HAS ASKED FOR FUNDS, WITH WHICH TO BUY EQUIP-  
MENT, AND FOR MATERIEL. YOUR VISIT TO TAIF PROVIDES AN  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 183294 TOSEC 080107

OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW UP ON THE CHADIAN REQUEST AND PRO-  
VIDE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT SHOULD YOU WISH TO DO SO. TALK-  
ING POINTS AND SUPPORTING BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOLLOW.

2. ESSENTIAL FACTORS:

A) CHADIAN VICE PRESIDENT DJIME MET WITH YOU ON JULY 14 AND

WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE ON JULY 15 TO MAKE AN URGENT PERSONAL APPEAL FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. DJIME TOLD YOU THAT THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT HAD LOST EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE TIBESTI MOUNTAIN MASSIF IN NORTHWESTERN CHAD TO LIBYAN BACKED TOUBOU REBELS LED BY GOUKOUNI, A SON OF A TRADITIONAL POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS LEADER OF THE TRIBE. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE ASSURED DJIME THAT WE WILL HELP IN RESTORING CHAD'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

B) PRESIDENT SADAT IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT LIBYAN ACTIVITIES IN CHAD WHICH HE BELIEVES ARE DESIGNED TO DESTABILIZE THE GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA AND ULTIMATELY TO UNDERMINE THE STABILITY OF THE SUDANESE AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENTS. HE HAS URGED US TO ASSIST CHAD, AND HAS PROVIDED SOME SMALL ARMS AND OTHER MATERIEL FROM EGYPTIAN INVENTORIES.

C) FOR THE REASONS SUMMARIZED IN REFTEL, OUR ABILITY TO MEET THE CHADIAN REQUEST IS LIMITED TO HELPING THEM BUY EQUIPMENT FROM US COMMERCIAL SOURCES - FOR WHICH THEY NEED A SOURCE OF FUNDS - AND FACILITATING TRANSFERS. (FYI: THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN ENCOURAGING OR FACILITATING SAUDI TRANSFER OF US ORIGIN WEAPONS TO CHAD IN VIEW OF THE CONGRESSIONAL SENSITIVITY ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF SAUDI TRANSFERS TO ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES AS WELL AS REPEATED ASSURANCES TO THE CONGRESS THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS NO US CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 183294 TOSEC 080107

MILITARY EQUIPMENT EXCESSIVE TO ITS OWN DEFENSE NEEDS. WHILE SPECIFIC TRANSFERS BY SAUDI ARABIA TO CHAD COULD BE JUSTIFIED ON THEIR OWN MERITS AND WITHIN OUR POLICY GUIDELINES, CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER CRITICISM WOULD PLACE A FURTHER BURDEN ON THE ALREADY DELICATE ISSUE OF THE US-SAUDI MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP. MOREOVER, THE SORT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT SAUDI ARABIA COULD USEFULLY PROVIDE TO CHAD WOULD BE EQUALLY AND READILY AVAILABLE FROM NON-US SOURCES. END FYI.) IF CHAD IS MADE FMS ELIGIBLE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT SALES ON CREDIT, BUT AGAIN CHAD WOULD NEED A WAY TO FINANCE THE LOAN.

D) OUR EMBASSY IN JIDDA REPORTS THAT THE SAUDIS WOULD PROBABLY BE RECEPTIVE TO A CHADIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, AND MIGHT BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE FINANCIALLY IN A MULTILATERAL EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THE SAUDIS WOULD BE MOST RECEPTIVE TO AN APPROACH THAT STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNMENT OF CHAD SO THAT IT WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE REBELS.

4. POINTS TO BE MADE:

A) OUR DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH SAUDI ARABIA IN SUPPORTING MODERATE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS INCLUDES CONCERN THAT CHAD MAINTAIN ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. PRESIDENT MALLOUM'S POLICY OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WITH THE REBELS IN CHAD HAS FAILED, IN PART BECAUSE OF LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR THE

INSURGENTS. PROMPT ASSISTANCE TO THE CHAD GOVERNMENT WILL GAIN IT TIME TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE REBELS, AND PERHAPS TO MAKE ITS POLICY OF ACTUAL RECONCILIATION EFFECTIVE.

B) EXCHANGE VIEWS ON VICE PRESIDENT DJIME'S VISIT TO THE US AND FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUQUE'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA.  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 183294 TOSEC 080107

C) WE ARE PROVIDING BOTH EMERGENCY FOOD AID AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO CHAD, BUT FIND IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE MILITARY AID ON SHORT NOTICE TO A COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE HAVE NOT HAD A MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP.

D) WITH SAUDI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, CHAD COULD RAPIDLY ACQUIRE SOME BASIC ESSENTIALS, SUCH AS FUEL, RATIONS, UNIFORMS AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.

CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MILITARY ASSISTANCE, TOSEC, MILITARY PLANS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 05-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977STATE183294  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** TWMSMITH:NEA/ARP:JWTTWINAM/MPH  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770280-0468  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770892/aaaaczwi.tel  
**Line Count:** 147  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 58ec6f61-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN AF  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 STATE 180597  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 16-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1696650  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD; CHADIAN REQUEST TO SAUDI ARABIA  
**TAGS:** MASS, CD, SA  
**To:** SECRETARY  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/58ec6f61-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009